



## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; New Markets Tax Credit Program Community Development Entity (CDE) Certification Application

**AGENCY:** Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund), U.S. Department of the Treasury, is soliciting comments concerning the New Markets Tax Credit Program (NMTC Program) Community Development Entity (CDE) Certification Application as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA).

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]** to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments via email to Michelle Dickens, Office of Certification, Policy and Evaluation (OCPE) Program Manager, CDFI Fund, at [ccme@cdfi.treas.gov](mailto:ccme@cdfi.treas.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michelle Dickens, OCPE Program Manager, CDFI Fund, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20220 or (202) 653-0335 (not a toll free number). Other information regarding the CDFI Fund and its programs may be obtained through the CDFI Fund's website at <http://www.cdfifund.gov>.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* New Markets Tax Credit Program Community Development Entity (CDE) Certification Application.

*OMB Control Number:* 1559-0014.

*Abstract:* Title I, subtitle C, section 121 of the Community Renewal Tax Relief Act of 2000 (the Act), as enacted in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001 (Pub. L. 106–554, December 21, 2000), amended the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) by adding IRC 45D and created the NMTC Program. The Department of the Treasury, through the CDFI Fund, administers the NMTC Program, which provides an incentive to investors in the form of tax credits over seven years, expected to stimulate the provision of private investment capital that, in turn, will facilitate economic and community development in low-income communities. In order to qualify for an allocation of tax credits through the NMTC Program, an entity must be certified as a qualified CDE and submit an allocation application to the CDFI Fund. Nonprofit entities and for-profit entities may be certified as CDEs by the CDFI Fund. In order to be certified as a CDE, an entity must be a domestic corporation or partnership, that: (1) has a primary mission of serving or providing investment capital for low-income communities or low-income persons; and (2) maintains accountability to residents of low-income communities through their representation on any governing or advisory board of the entity.

*Current Actions:* Renewal of existing information collection.

*Type of Review:* Regular review.

*Affected Public:* CDEs and entities seeking CDE certification, including business or other for-profit institutions, nonprofit entities, and State, local and Tribal entities.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 300.

*Estimated Annual Time Per Respondent:* 4 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,200 hours.

Requests for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record and may be published on the CDFI Fund website at <http://www.cdfifund.gov>. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the CDFI Fund, including whether the information shall have practical utility;

(b) the accuracy of the CDFI Fund's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

*Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.*

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